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1. In response a 4/25/03 telephone call from applicant's representative, Mr. James McKeown, Section 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the 4/16/03 Office Action is amended to correct the name of the author of the of the cited primary reference from "Aoki" to "Ito et al."

The amended sentence now reads: " Ito et al. disclose the applicant's claims except for the guide for the reactor pressure vessel."

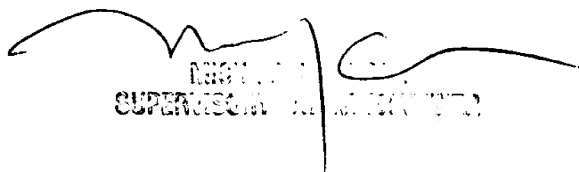
2. We regret any inconvenience to the applicant. The period for reply to the said Office Action is reset to expire 3 months from the mailing date of this letter.

3 .Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rick Palabrica whose telephone number is 703-306-5756. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-4:30, Mon-Fri; 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 703-306-4198. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and 703-305-7687 for After Final communications.

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